



# **Open Space Steering Committee**

Virtual Community Meeting  
March 30, 2021

# Agenda

- Update on the proposed Open Space budget
- Update on public access easements
- Typologies discussion
- Introduce POS zoning language update
- Public comment
- Next steps

# Zoom Ground Rules



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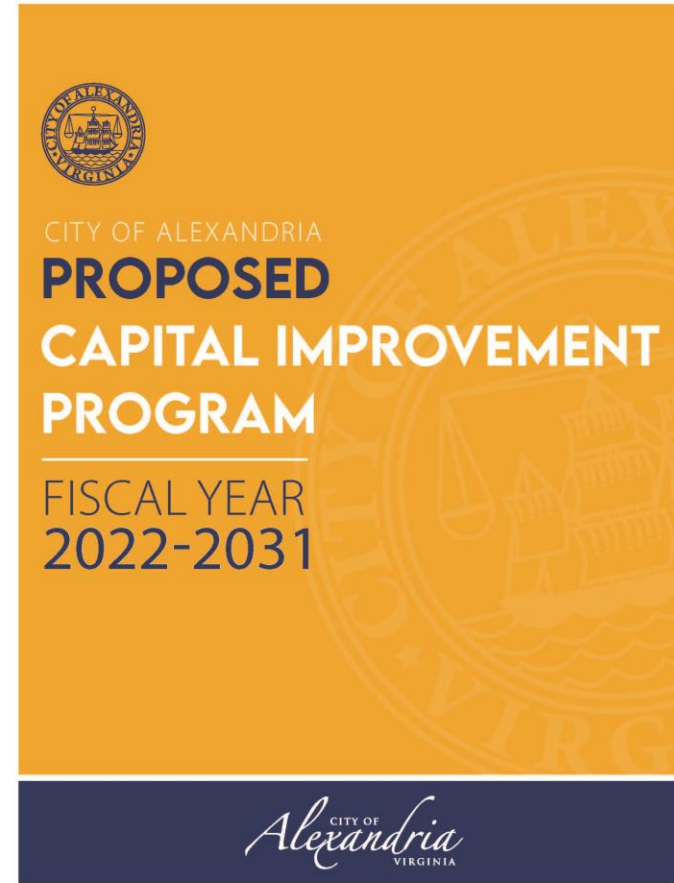


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# Public Access Easement Update

## Public Access Easement for **Public-Private Open Space**

- Public-Private Open Spaces may include parks (such as formal and informal recreational areas)
- Space is maintained by owner
- Meets guidelines for public accessibility:
  - Space is configured so that public right of entry and use is unambiguous
  - Space is generally preferred at-grade
  - Space is available to the public generally with few exception, at all times
  - Space has prominent signage clarifying public entry and use
- Acreage generally counts towards the City Open Space acreage goals



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- Potential flexibility/options:
  - Rules and regulations mutually decided by both owner and City to determine extent of public availability
  - Private activities limited—restrictions may be based on several factors such as size of space, adjacent uses, duration of activity, and demand/service area
  - Private activities that restrict public use such as charging fees or profiting may be limited or not allowed
  - City may program spaces that are open to the general public per the City Special Events policy



# Public Access Easement Update

- Other easements types include historic, conservation, and scenic easements. If sites allow public access consistent with public access and open space guidance, such easements could count towards City open space acreage goals
- Ingress-Egress easements can provide pedestrian pass-through space to access public open spaces



Stonegate Scenic Easement



# **Open Space Typologies Discussion**

Classification	Description	Size	Service
<b>Citywide</b>	Contains multiple uses within park boundary including: attracts visitors from all over the City Example: Chinquapin Park	15-20 acres	0-25 miles from users
<b>Neighborhood</b>	May include multiple uses within park boundary; attracts nearby residents Example: Beverley Park	20,000 sq. ft. to 5 acres	0-5 miles from users
<b>Pocket Park</b>	Small open space; mainly single use attracting nearby residents  Example: Sunset Mini Park	Under 20,000 sq. ft.	.25-0.5 mile or less from users
<b>Natural Resource Areas</b>	Includes open spaces that are primarily passive-use or preservation areas Example: Clermont Natural Park	No Minimum or Maximum	Citywide



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<b>Shared Use</b>	Includes parks that share facilities with schools and recreation centers  Example: Patrick Henry Field	5-20 acres (average)	0-25 miles from users
<b>Destination/ Historical</b>	Attracts users from beyond the region, typically because of particularly unique features  Example: Fort Ward Park, Waterfront Park System	Varies	0-100 or more miles
<b>Regional</b>	Includes lands or facilities administered by other regional entities  Example: Cameron Run Regional Park	50-75 acres	0-100 miles from users
<b>Corridors/ Linear Parks/ Trailways</b>	Includes trailways, corridors and linear parks that serve primarily as linear bikeway corridors, may include ROWs  Example: Metro Linear Park	No Minimum or Maximum	0-100 miles from users

**Thank you for your input!**



# POS Zone Text Amendments



# Public Comment

- Please use the "Raise Your Hand" feature or "\*9" to inform staff you would like to comment.
- Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

# Next Steps

- **Next Meeting:** April 26
- Summer meetings?
- Transitioning to Task 2
- Information needed before moving to Task 2

# Task 2

- Evaluate and recommend methods of pursuing new publicly accessible open space.
  - Develop criteria for considering opportunities for open space acquisition through the Open Space Fund (such as connectivity, walkability to neighborhood needs, access to water, etc.).
  - Develop minimum publicly accessible open space criteria for small area plans based on current and future demographic needs and neighborhood characteristics.
  - Evaluate the Open Space Ratio and/or other targets based on national standards and benchmarks for localities with similar densities.



# Information & Questions

- Information
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**Thank you!**